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A NEW ENGLISH SPELLING BOOK ;

OR,

A Key to the English Language ;

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The Whole has been carefully selected from the best Dictionaries, viz. *Walker, Sheridan, Johnson, Perry, Entick*, and others ; and is digested in regular alphabetical Tables, which comprise three *grand Essentials* in the English Language ; namely, *Orthography, Accent, and true Pronunciation.*

At the Beginning of the first Table, all the different Sounds of the Vowels are exemplified.

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The Whole designed as a Book of Instruction for all Ages, from Infancy to Manhood; not only for the English, but Foreigners too: and interspersed with numerous Observations.

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